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Growth Rate of Sectors
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a)the growth rate of services, manufacturing, mining and agriculture sectors during 2014-15nd2015-16;

(b)the reasons responsible for lower growth rate in services, manufacturing mining and agriculture sector; and

(c)the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

(a) The growth rates of Gross Value Added (GVA) at constant (2011-12) basic prices for services, manufacturing, mining & quarrying and agriculture & allied sectors during 2014-15 and 2015-16 are given below:

Table 1: Growth rate of GVA at constant (2011-12) basic prices (per cent)

Sectors 2014-15 2015-16 (PE)

Services 10.3 8.9

Manufacturing 5.5 9.3

Mining & quarrying 10.8 7.4

Agriculture, forestry
& fishing -0.2 1.2

Source: Central Statistics Office, PE: Provisional Estimates

(b) While the growth in manufacturing in 2015-16 was distinctly higher than that in 2014-15, the growth in agriculture & allied sectors improved, albeit modestly, during 2015-16, despite the second consecutive year of sub-normal monsoon. Major reasons for the moderation in growth rates in services, inter-alia, include: decline in the growth of transport, storage, communication and broadcasting services; decline in the growth of public administration, defence and other services, partly due to fiscal consolidation; and, the slow growth in world output and external trade. In the case of mining & quarrying, the growth in 2015-16 was lower, partly due to the high base effect created by the elevated growth in 2014-15. The growth rate of the mining & quarrying sector was still high at 7.4 per cent in 2015-16.

(c) Steps have been taken by the Government to strengthen service sector activities which, inter-alia, include: policy initiatives like Start-up India, Digital India, Skill India, Smart Cities and comprehensive FDI reforms from which various service sector activities will receive impetus; identification of thrust areas under the 'Make in India' programme from certain services; and, stress laid on social services like health and education. Mining activities are likely to get a boost from; the system of e-auction of coal mines being successfully implemented by the Government to bring about transparency in the allocation of coal mines; and, setting up of the skilling council for mining sector.

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